

What is Claimed is:

R126 10 11. An isolated antibody specific for and immunoreactive with an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is a polymorphic variant of a reference sequence for the IL4R α protein or a fragment thereof, wherein the reference sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 3 and the polymorphic variant is encoded by an isogene defined by one of the haplotypes shown in Table 5.

R126 20 21. A method for predicting a haplotype pair for the Interleukin 4 Receptor Alpha(IL4R α) gene of an individual comprising:

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- (a) identifying an IL4R α genotype for the individual at each of PS1, PS2, PS3, PS4, PS6, PS7, PS8, PS9, PS10, PS11, PS12, PS13, PS14, PS15, PS16, PS17, PS18, PS19, PS20, PS21, PS22, PS23, PS25, PS27, PS28, PS30, PS32, PS33, PS34, PS35, PS36, PS37, PS38, PS39, PS40, PS41, PS44, and PS45;
 - (b) enumerating all possible haplotype pairs which are consistent with the genotype;
 - (c) accessing data containing the IL4R α haplotype pairs determined in a reference population; and
 - (d) assigning a haplotype pair to the individual that is consistent with the data.

R126 10 21 22. A method for identifying an association between a trait and at least one haplotype of the Interleukin 4 Receptor Alpha gene which comprises comparing the frequency of the haplotype in a population exhibiting the trait with the frequency of the haplotype in a reference population, wherein the haplotype is selected from haplotype numbers 1-53 shown in Table 5, wherein a higher frequency of the haplotype in the trait population than in the reference population indicates the trait is associated with the haplotype.

R126 22 21 24. The method of claim 22, wherein the trait is a clinical response to a drug targeting IL4R α .

R126 23 25. A computer system for storing and analyzing polymorphism data for the Interleukin 4 Receptor Alpha gene, comprising:

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- (a) a central processing unit (CPU);
 - (b) a communication interface;
 - (c) a display device;
 - (d) an input device; and
 - (e) a database containing the polymorphism data;

10 wherein the polymorphism data comprises the genotypes and haplotype pairs shown in Table 4 and the haplotypes shown in Table 5.

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26. A genome anthology for the Interleukin 4 Receptor Alpha(IL4R α) gene which comprises IL4R α isogenes defined by haplotypes 1-53 shown in Table 5.

27. A method for haplotyping the Interleukin 4 Receptor Alpha (IL4R α) gene of an individual which comprises determining whether the individual has one or more haplotypes in Table

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